

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (canceled)

14. (new) A chair having a seat and a support surface mounted on a frame member for supporting the arm of a user, the support surface being vertically positionable at first user-defined positions above the seat and being pivotally mounted on the frame member to allow the support surface to be positionable in a plurality of second user-defined positions usable to support a forearm of a user whilst the user performs a task.

15. (new) A chair according to Claim 14, wherein a plurality of support surfaces are provided.

16. (new) A chair according to Claim 15, wherein each support surface is mounted on a dedicated frame member.

17. (new) A chair according to Claim 15, wherein the second and any further support surfaces is vertically positionable with respect to the seat and/or pivotally positionable in a plurality of user-defined positions.

18. (new) A chair according to Claim 14, wherein the or each support surface is curved.

19. (new) A chair according to Claim 18, wherein the or each support surface is of semicircular, elliptical or otherwise curved form.

20. (new) A chair according to Claim 14, wherein the or each support surface is an elongate, cranked member having a shorter limb and a longer limb.

21. (new) A chair according to Claim 14, wherein the or each support surface is mounted to its frame member by a universal joint securable in any particular user-defined support surface position.

22. (new) A chair according to Claim 14, wherein the support surface provides a forearm support surface, the forearm support surface being locatable outside of the footprint of the seat when in use.

23. (new) A device to support the arm of a user, the device comprising an arm support pivotally attached to a frame member, the frame member being mountable or attachable to a chair, the device comprising means to allow the support surface to be positionable at user-defined positions above the chair when attached thereto and means to allow the support surface to be positionable in a plurality of user-defined positions usable to support the forearm of a user whilst the user undertakes a task.

24. (new) A device to support the arm of a user, the device comprising an arm support pivotally attached to a frame member, the frame member being mountable or attachable to a chair, the device comprising means to allow the support surface to be positionable at user-defined positions above the chair when attached thereto and means to allow the support surface to be positionable in a plurality of user-defined positions usable to support, in front of the user, the forearm of a user whilst the user undertakes a task.

25. (new) A dentists chair in which a patient is seatable, the chair comprising a support surface for the arm of a user mounted on a frame member, the support surface being positionable at user-defined positions vertically displaced above the seat and being pivotally mounted on the frame member to allow the support surface to be positionable in a plurality of user-defined positions to support a forearm of the user whilst the user undertakes examination or treatment of the patient seated in the chair.

26. (new) A chair according to Claim 25, further comprising a second support surface for the other forearm of the user.

27. (new) A chair according to Claim 26, wherein the second support surface is positionable at a plurality of user-defined positions vertically displaced above the seat.

28. (new) A chair according to Claim 26, wherein the second support surface is a member which interconnects two limbs of a pair of matched L-shaped members.

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29. (new) A chair according to Claim 28, wherein each L-shaped member is interconnected by a further member about which both of the L-shaped members are pivotable with respect to the frame member.

30. (new) A chair according to Claim 26, wherein the first and second support surfaces are locatable, in use, on different sides of the patients head.

31. (new) A chair according to Claim 26, wherein the first and second support surfaces are relatively translatable with respect to one another.

32. (new) A chair according to Claim 25, wherein the head of the patient seated in the chair is supportable on the frame member.

33. (new) A chair according to Claim 28, wherein the frame member is covered by a padded head rest member.

34. (new) A dentists chair incorporating a device according to Claim 24, wherein the device is mounted upon a dentist's chair, such that the arm support is able to provide, in use, adjustable surfaces for the dentist's arms.